

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1282

AN ACT

To amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to strike the privatization criteria for INTELSAT separated entities, remove certain restrictions on separated and successor entities to INTELSAT, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. FINANCIAL INTERESTS OF OFFICERS, MAN-**
 2 **AGERS, OR DIRECTORS.**

3 Section 621(5)(D) of the Communications Satellite
 4 Act of 1962 (47 U.S.C. 763(5)(D)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “(I)” in clause (ii);

6 (2) by striking “signatories, or (II)” in clause
 7 (ii) and all that follows through “mechanism;” and
 8 inserting “signatories; and”;

9 (3) by striking “organization; and” in clause
 10 (iii) and inserting “organization.”; and

11 (4) by striking clause (iv).

12 **SEC. 2. CRITERIA FOR INTELSAT SEPARATED ENTITIES.**

13 Subtitle B of title VI of the Communications Satellite
 14 Act of 1962 (47 U.S.C. 763 et seq.) is amended by strik-
 15 ing section 623 (47 U.S.C. 763b).

16 **SEC. 3. PRESERVATION OF SPACE SEGMENT CAPACITY OF**
 17 **THE GMDSS.**

18 Section 624 of the Communications Satellite Act of
 19 1962 (47 U.S.C. 763c) is amended to read as follows:

20 **“SEC. 624. SPACE SEGMENT CAPACITY OF THE GMDSS.**

21 “The United States shall preserve the space segment
 22 capacity of the GMDSS. This section is not intended to
 23 alter the status that the GMDSS would otherwise have
 24 under United States laws and regulations of the Inter-
 25 national Telecommunication Union with respect to spec-
 26 trum, orbital locations, or other operational parameters,

1 or to be a barrier to competition for the provision of
2 GMDSS services.”.

3 **SEC. 4. SATELLITE SERVICE REPORT.**

4 (a) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Federal Communica-
5 tions Commission shall review competitive market condi-
6 tions with respect to domestic and international satellite
7 communications services and shall include in an annual
8 report an analysis of those conditions. The Commission
9 shall transmit a copy of the report to the Senate Com-
10 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the
11 House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Com-
12 merce.

13 (b) CONTENT.—The Commission shall include in the
14 report—

15 (1) an identification of the number and market
16 share of competitors in domestic and international
17 satellite markets;

18 (2) an analysis of whether there is effective
19 competition in the market for domestic and inter-
20 national satellite services; and

21 (3) a list of any foreign nations in which legal
22 or regulatory practices restrict access to the market
23 for satellite services in such nation in a manner that

- 1 undermines competition or favors a particular com-
- 2 petitor or set of competitors.

Passed the Senate June 21, 2005.

Attest:

Secretary.

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